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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PUBLIC STATEMENTS

1. ACTING FONMIN LHO GAVE ME NOVEMBER 11 DRAFT COMMUNIQUE BELOW AND ASKED FOR OUR EARLY COMMENT. HE SAID COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE HAS BEEN DRAFTED WITH VIEW TO PREVIOUS U.S./KOREAN HIGH-LEVEL COMMUNIQUE AND HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH PRESIDENT PARK. TEXT OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE:

1. AT THE INVITATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PAID A STATE VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON NOVEMBER 22 AND 23, 1974.

PRESIDENT FORD VISITED THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ON NOVEMBER
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22 AND LAID WREATHS AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIERS AND

THE GRAVE OF THE LATE MADAME PARK CHUNG HEE.

PRESIDENT FORD MET WITH PRESIDENT PARK AT "CHONG WA DAE" ON NOVEMBER 22 AND 23 AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN A MOST CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE REFLECTING THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. PRESIDENT PARK AND PRESIDENT FORD REAFFIRMED THE STRONG BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION TRADITIONALLY EXISTING BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND RENEWED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO WORK IN CLOSE COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION FOR ENSURING A LASTING PEACE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION.

3. THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT THE PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA WERE THE ESSENTIAL FACTORS CONTRIBUTING NOT ONLY TO THE PEACE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION BUT ALSO TO THE PEACE OF THE WORLD AND THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT THE IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAINTAINING THE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS REGION.

4. PRESIDENT PARK EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA TO WHICH PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS FULL UNDERSTANDING.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT THE INCREASED MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF NORTH KOREA CONTINUE TO POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND AGREED THAT THE ARMED FORCES DEFENDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MUST BE MAINTAINED AT SUFFICIENT LEVEL AND IN CONSTANT ALERTNESS TO DETER THE RECURRENCE OF HOSTILITIES AND TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN KOREA AND AN EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED FORCES
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AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSE INDUSTRIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO ACCOMPLISH ITS SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO MEET ANY ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WITH PROMPTNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA.

5. PRESIDENT PARK AND PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED THEIR FIRM MUTUAL CONVICTION THAT A SERIES OF POLICY INITIATIVES FOR DETENTE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, NAMELY THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION OF KOREA MADE ON JUNE 23, 1973, THE PROPOSAL FOR A NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH MADE ON JANUARY 18, 1974, AND THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR A PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA DECLARED BY PRESIDENT PARK ON AUGUST 15, 1974, WOULD REDUCE TENSIONS AND ESTABLISH PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA AND THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS CALLED UPON ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD TO GIVE POSITIVE SUPPORT TO THESE CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TAKEN BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE TWO PRESIDENTS URGED NORTH KOREA TO COME FORWARD IN GOOD FAITH FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH OF KOREA WHICH HAD BEEN SUSPENDED UNILATERALLY BY THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE.

6. PRESIDENT PARK AND PRESIDENT FORD EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE CURRENT PROBLEMS OF WORLD ECONOMY INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE WORLD RESOURCES SUCH AS FOOD AND OIL AND THE INFLATION AND AGREED THAT THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE IN SHORT OF GIVEN RESOURCES AND MUST DEPEND ON IMPORTATION FOR THEIR OIL, ARE BEING PLACED IN A MORE DIFFICULT SITUATION.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS, TAKING NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THESE PROBLEMS, IF LEFT UNSOLVED, WILL HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT UPON THE INDIVIDUAL

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COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY IN THIS WORLD OF A HIGH DEGREE OF INTER-DEPENDENCY, AGREED THAT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS SHOULD BE SECURED FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO ENSURE SUSTAINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THESE COUNTRIES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, PRESIDENT PARK EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND RESPECT FOR AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS TO THE INITIATIVES TAKEN, AND EFFORTS BEING MADE, BY PRESIDENT FORD FOR ESTABLISHING THE WORLD PEACE AND FOR RESTORING THE WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER.

7. PRESIDENT PARK GAVE AN OUTLINE OF THE CURRENT STATUS AND THE PROBLEMS OF KOREAN ECONOMY UNDER PREVAILING CONDITIONS OF WORLD ECONOMY AND REAFFIRMED THAT THE GOAL OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS TO ATTAIN THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY

AND TO ADVANCE THE WELFARE OF ALL THE KOREAN PEOPLE.

PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE REMARKABLE PROGRESS KOREA HAS MADE IN RECENT YEARS IN VARIOUS FIELDS DESPITE MANY ADVERSE CONDITIONS.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS, NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASED EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN THE BUSINESSMEN OF BOTH COUNTRIES, REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR MUTUAL BENEFITS AND TO STRIVE FOR CLOSER COOPERATION IN FUTURE.

EXPRESSING THEIR SATISFACTION OVER THE UPWARD TREND OF TRADE VOLUMES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES WHICH LIE IN THE PATH FOR FURTHER INCREASES IN TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

8. PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSED HIS DEEP APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT PARK AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THEIR WARM RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY ACCORDED TO HIM AND HIS PARTY DURING THE VISIT.

PRESIDENT FORD CORDIALLY INVITED PRESIDENT PARK TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND PRESIDENT PARK ACCEPTED THE INVITATION WITH PLEASURE. UNQUOTE
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